

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please the AMEND claims in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An electronic mail system for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the system comprising:

attached file retrieving means for retrieving, in the case of a first store location information, a first user account, and a first password being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, an attached file from a server of location shown by the first store location information using the first user account and the first password;

attached file separating means for separating, in the case of an ~~the~~ attached file being added to the electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means or retrieved from the server by the attached file retrieving means to a predetermined server using a second user account and a second password;

store location information adding means for adding second store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail; and

log-in account adding means for adding the second user account and the second password to the electronic mail.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) The electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein not only store location information but also transfer method information indicating the transfer method used by the attached file transferring means are added to the electronic mail.

4. (original) The electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein the attached file separating means, attached file transferring means, and store location information adding

means are implemented as exit programs on an electronic mail server.

5. (currently amended) A computer-readable record medium recording a computer program for realizing the functions of an electronic mail server for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the program comprising:

attached file retrieving means for retrieving, in the case of a first store location information, a first user account, and a first password being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, an attached file from a server of location shown by the first store location information using the first user account and the first password;

attached file separating means for separating, in the case of ~~an~~the attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means or retrieved from the server by the attached file retrieving means to a predetermined server using a second user account and a second password;

store location information adding means for adding second store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail; and

log-in account adding means for adding the second user account and the second password to the electronic mail.

6. (currently amended) An electronic mail delivery method for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the system comprising:

retrieving, in the case of a first store location information, a first user account, and a first password being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, an attached file from a server of location shown by the first store location information using the first user account and the first password;

separating, in the case of ~~an~~the attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail or retrieved from the server to a predetermined server using a second user account and a second password;

adding second store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred is stored to the electronic mail; and

adding the second user account and the second password to the electronic mail.

7. (currently amended) An apparatus comprising:

means for retrieving an attachment from a server of location shown by a first store location information using a first user account and a first password;

means for separating ~~an~~ the attachment from electronic mail sent by a sender;

means for transferring the attachment separated from the electronic mail to a predetermined server based upon an attribute of the attachment using a second login account and a second password; and

means for adding second store location information to the electronic mail which corresponds to a location where the transferred attachment is stored on the predetermined server, wherein the second store location information corresponds to a store server, a store directory, the second login account and the second password to allow a receiver of the electronic mail to retrieve the attachment.

8. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the predetermined server is predetermined based upon information included in a header of the electronic mail comprising the sender's mail address, a receiver's mail address and a subject of the electronic mail.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) A method comprising:

means for retrieving an attachment from a server of location shown by a first store location information using a first user account and a first password;

separating ~~an~~ the attachment from electronic mail sent by a sender;

transferring the attachment separated from the electronic mail to a predetermined server based upon an attribute of the attachment using a second login account and a second password; and

adding second store location information to the electronic mail which corresponds to a location where the transferred attachment is stored on the predetermined server, wherein the second store location information corresponds to a store server, a store directory, the second login account and the second password to allow a receiver of the electronic mail to retrieve the attachment.

11. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the predetermined server is predetermined based upon information included in a header of the electronic mail comprising the sender's mail address, a receiver's mail address and a subject of the electronic mail.

12. (cancelled)

13. (currently amended) A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method of delivering electronic mail sent by a sender, the method comprising:

means for retrieving an attachment from a server of location shown by a first store location information using a first user account and a first password;

separating ~~an~~ the attachment from electronic mail sent by the sender;

transferring the attachment separated from the electronic mail to a predetermined server based upon an attribute of the attachment using a second log-in account and a second password; and

adding second store location information to the electronic mail which corresponds to a location where the transferred attachment is stored on the predetermined server, wherein the second store location information corresponds to a store server, a store directory, the second login account and the second password to allow a receiver of the electronic mail to retrieve the attachment.